



## Federal Emergency Management Agency

### Michael Brown: General Counsel

Michael Brown was appointed as FEMA's General Counsel by President Bush in February 2001. As FEMA's General Counsel, Mr. Brown is both the principal legal advisor to FEMA's Director and head of the Office of General Counsel. He and his staff of approximately 30 attorneys provide legal services to all of FEMA's program and support offices and represent the agency in litigation.

Mr. Brown has a broad range of legal experience, including serving as a bar examiner on ethics and professional responsibility and as a hearing officer for the Colorado and Oklahoma Supreme courts, serving as a special prosecutor appointed by the Police Civil Service Commission in internal affairs, conducting labor relations and contract negotiations, and experience in arbitration and criminal jury trials.

Prior to his FEMA appointment, Mr. Brown had just assumed the position of executive director for the Independent Electrical Contractors, a trade association in Colorado. Mr. Brown had previously served for 10 years as commissioner for an equine sports federation, where he created ethical programs, enforcement policies and procedures, and conducted investigations and prosecuted fraud and corruption cases. He also designed and implemented licensing programs.

From 1988 to 1991, Mr. Brown served as in-house general counsel for Dillingham family of Enid, Oklahoma, working in energy, insurance, land use and environmental law, as well as drafting legislation and managing campaigns.

Earlier positions included eight years in private practice, two years as an advisor to the Oklahoma State Senate's Finance Committee and three years as public administrator for Edmond, Oklahoma, where he co-founded joint public-private partnerships for economic development.

A native of Oklahoma, Mr. Brown holds a B.A. in Public Administration/Political Science from Central State University, Oklahoma. He received his J.D. from Oklahoma City University's School of Law. He was an adjunct professor of law for the Oklahoma City University, and active in state, local and national politics.

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